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HOW TO SAVE POWER IN USING ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS
(Information from Bureau of Home Economics, USDA,
and the Consumer Division, OPACS)

1. Don't open refrigerator any oftener nor any longer than is actually necessary.
2. Don't put hot food or dishes in the refrigerator.
3. Cover all foods, except tough-skinned fruits or vegetables.
4. Cut down quick freezing as much as possible.
5. Turn control to 'economy,' or lowest operating point if you leave home for a few days.
6. Defrost refrigerator before ice crust on freezing unit gets to be one-quarter of an inch thick. (over)

7. See that refrigerator is properly placed in kitchen--away from stove, radiator, hot sun. Allow air to circulate freely around cabinet. Be sure it's convenient.
8. Keep refrigerator clean. Wash freezing unit each time you defrost. Clean coils in working mechanism 2-3 times a year. (Follow manual, or ask service man.)
9. Have refrigerator checked by service man if, after cleaning & defrosting, motor runs more than when new.
10. Keep refrigerator at proper temperature.
11. Don't pack refrigerator full of food, packages, cans.
12. Be sure door, hinges, door catch, work properly.
13. Read instruction book carefully; follow directions.

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REFRIGERATORS

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ICE-COOLED TYPE

1. Never wrap ice to keep it from melting; may spoil food.
2. Remove & clean drain pipe & trap under ice quite often.
3. Once a week, flush drain pipe with pint of warm water mixed with one tablespoon baking soda (bicarbonate).

MECHANICAL TYPE - ELECTRIC, GAS, OIL

1. Defrost before frost coating is $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch thick.
2. Never use sharp tool to chip frost or loosen ice trays.
3. After any quick freezing return cold control to normal.
4. Disconnect motor & dust condenser at least every 6 mos.
5. Follow directions of manufacturer for special care.

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RULES FOR ALL REFRIGERATORS-MECHANICAL OR ICE

1. Place in level spot - not near stove, sun, other heat.
2. Be sure door fits tightly, catch works properly.
3. Keep refrigerator clean; wipe up spills promptly.
4. Avoid putting acid foods against enamel; guard rubber gasket around door from spilled foods and grease.
5. Wash inside of refrigerator with one tablespoon baking soda dissolved in quart of warm water; rinse; wipe dry.
6. Let hot food cool before putting in refrigerator.
7. Don't open door any oftener or longer than necessary.
8. Cover all foods except thick-skinned fruits, vegetables.
9. Keep in refrigerator only foods that need to be kept cool; not jelly, pickles, wrapping paper, cardboard cartons, tops of vegetables, etc.

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